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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**



Date: December 4, 2013

Complaint Number: 13-153509

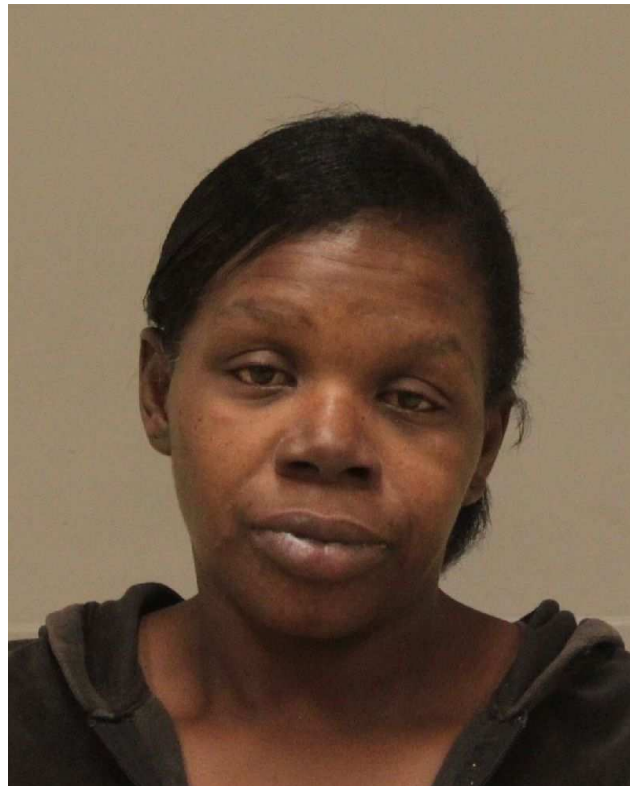
Type of Incident: Walk Away

Location: Kent County Correctional Facility, 703 Ball Avenue N.E.

Supervisor Approval: Lt. Ron Gates

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## **Kent County Correctional Facility Walk Away**



**Tasha Marie Charlton: DOB 12/26/1971**  
**4'9", approximately 145 pounds**

#### UPDATE – DECEMBER 5, 2013

On December 5, 2013, the Kent County Prosecutor's Office Authorized the following charges on Tasha Charlton:

- Escape
- Habitual Offender 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense

The warrant was signed by Judge Buter of the 61<sup>st</sup> District Court with no bond.

#### UPDATE – DECEMBER 5, 2013

After this information was reported by the media, we received a tip that Tasha was at an address on Fairview Street in the City of Grand Rapids. We contacted the Grand Rapids Police Department and they arrested her on December 4, 2013. She was lodged at the Kent County Correctional Facility and the case will be reviewed by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office for additional charges.

Thanks to the media, the public, and the Grand Rapids Police Department for their assistance in locating her.

#### ORIGINAL – DECEMBER 4, 2013

Tasha Charlton of Grand Rapids was arrested by the Kent County Sheriff Department for using a false identity at local hospitals to obtain prescription medications. On October 8, 2013, Tasha was sentenced to serve time at the Kent County Correction Facility with an out date of February 1, 2014. Due to Tasha's classification as a low risk inmate, she was designated as a Trusty.

On December 4, 2013, Tasha was assigned to work at the Kent County Animal Shelter located at 740 Fuller Avenue N.E. At approximately 7:25 AM, Tasha arrived at the Animal Shelter and immediately asked to use the restroom. When Tasha did not return by 8:00 AM, she was reported as a Walk Away. The case will be presented to the Kent County Prosecutor's Office for additional charges.

Tasha is not considered a risk to the public. We are asking for the public's assistance in locating her.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Kent County Sheriff Department at 616-336-3113 or Silent Observer at 616-774-2345.

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